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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 566

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leon "Buster" Braden of Lake City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Leon "Buster" Braden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden was an exemplary member of the Lake City community who contributed to the well-being of his fellow citizens at every opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden was the son of the late Sam and Annie Braden and was the brother of Bob Braden, Ruth Seiber, Willene Brewer and the late Naomi Miller, Blanche Daniels, Pauline Stuenckel, Ora Roysden, Mossie Braden, Eugene Braden, and Charles Columbus "Clump" Braden; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden was retired from employment in the coal mines and from the Anderson County school system, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden was an active and devout member of the Fratersville Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a Trustee; he was a 58-year Mason and a member of Crystal Masonic Lodge No. 616 in Briceville; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Braden enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 55 years, the late Mary Magdalene Braden, and was the proud father of his late son, Ernest Lee Braden; sons and daughters-in-law Ronnie and Connie Sue Braden and Benny and Loretta Braden; and daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Roy Cox, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden was the loving grandfather of Lea Ann Cox, Robert L. Braden, Anthony Braden, Lori Idles, Tim Braden, and Andy Braden and the doting great-grandfather of Nathan Braden, Caleb Braden, Faith Bryant, Justin Bryant, and Emily Faye Idles; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his devotion to family and friends, Mr. Braden delighted in life, enjoying rabbit hunting, gardening, and political campaigning; and

WHEREAS, Buster Braden leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Leon "Buster" Braden, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Buster Braden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

